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Date: June 14, 2007

Mr. John Howard, Superintendent
Monocacy National Battlefield
and Antietam National Battlefield
P.O. Box 158
Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Dear Mr. Howard:

On June 11, 2007, I conducted an aerial survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Monocacy National Battlefield and Antietam National Battlefield. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the immediate vicinity of, your sites. However, gypsy moth populations are increasing in your areas as defoliation was detected within 5 miles of both sites.

If you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2008, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 24, 2007.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
Forester
Forest Health Protection

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